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Interviews: 2025 adults
Dates: September 9-12,

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	43	50	42	46	54	49	65	14	[140]
Wrong track.....	41	32	41	40	33	38	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	13	15	14	11	10	10	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	6	
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>			
		47	55	51	45	45			
		38	31	35	39	39			
		12	12	11	13	13			
		3	2	3	3	3			

+ Asked only of registered voters

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	58	63	58	58	66	68	68	68	41	[141]
Disapprove.....	37	32	37	36	31	29	29	29	50	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	6	3	3	3	3	9	
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>				
		65	68	66	64	63				
		31	29	31	30	30				
		4	3	3	6	7				

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>9/99*</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<table><tr><th><i>High</i></th><th><i>Low</i></th></tr><tr><th><u>1/99</u></th><th><u>7/93</u></th><th><u>9/94</u></th></tr></table>			<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>	[142]
<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>														
<u>1/99</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>													
Approve.....	66	73	71	73	74	78	78	40	40						
Disapprove.....	27	20	21	18	20	17	17	51	51						
Not sure.....	7	7	8	9	6	5	5	9	9						
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>									
		72	74	75	69	70									
		21	21	19	23	22									
		7	5	6	8	8									

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>9/99**</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<table><tr><th><i>High</i></th><th><i>Low</i></th></tr><tr><th><u>10/98+</u></th><th><u>9/94</u></th></tr></table>	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	[143]
<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>											
<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/94</u>											
Approve.....	49	54	50	50	60	65	70	32				
Disapprove.....	41	37	41	41	31	28	26	60				
Not sure.....	10	9	9	9	9	7	4	8				
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>						
		61	70	63	58	53						
		30	26	29	31	36						
		9	4	8	11	11						

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Bill Clinton							[144]
September 1999.....	20	26	14	13	27	-	
July 1999.....	23	27	14	14	22	-	
June 1999.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
April 1999.....	23	23	14	13	26	1	
March 1999.....	23	25	14	11	27	-	
January 1999.....	27	24	12	11	25	1	
December 1998.....	25	26	13	10	26	-	
October 1998+.....	25	26	10	12	26	1	
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
July 1998.....	24	26	17	15	18	-	
June 1998.....	24	30	14	12	20	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
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Hillary Rodham Clinton

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September 1999 *	20	22	16	14	26	2
July 1999	25	23	18	12	20	2
June 1999	25	22	17	13	22	1
April 1999	30	19	17	12	20	2
March 1999	35	19	16	11	18	1
January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1
December 1998	33	21	17	11	17	1
October 1998+	32	24	15	12	16	1
September 1998	29	21	20	12	18	-
July 1998	22	24	25	13	14	2
June 1998	26	22	21	11	19	1

High

January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1
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Low

May 1996+	14	20	19	17	27	3
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Steve Forbes

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September 1999 *	6	20	33	11	6	24
July 1999	4	20	33	12	5	26
March 1996	6	19	26	17	15	17
January 1996	4	15	21	5	5	50
December 1995	2	10	24	5	3	56

Bill Bradley

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September 1999 *	12	25	28	5	2	28
July 1999	8	25	28	5	3	31
April 1999	8	20	27	5	2	38
March 1999	11	19	26	5	1	38
September 1995	7	17	22	7	1	46

Elizabeth Dole

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September 1999 *	15	32	29	9	7	8
June 1999	17	31	29	9	6	8
April 1999	19	28	26	10	9	8
March 1999	26	30	28	6	4	6

Ronald Reagan

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September 1999 **	31	29	17	11	11	1
April 1992	14	23	16	17	29	1
May 1991	16	22	19	17	23	3
October 1990	16	25	16	17	23	3
March 1990	21	26	16	14	22	1
November 1989	19	28	17	13	21	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Al Gore							[150]
September 1999 **.....	10	22	28	19	17	4	
July 1999.....	13	27	26	16	15	3	
June 1999	15	23	27	16	15	4	
April 1999.....	11	24	30	14	17	4	
March 1999.....	16	23	29	16	14	2	
January 1999.....	17	24	29	15	12	3	
December 1998.....	17	25	27	13	15	3	
September 1998.....	16	25	32	12	13	2	
July 1998.....	16	26	31	12	13	2	
June 1998.....	18	26	31	10	13	2	
April 1998.....	16	29	29	12	11	3	
February 1998.....	18	29	27	12	11	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
George W. Bush							[151]
September 1999 **.....	18	32	22	12	10	6	
July 1999.....	22	31	26	9	6	6	
June 1999	23	27	25	9	8	8	
April 1999.....	23	32	25	8	6	6	
March 1999.....	25	26	28	5	5	11	
December 1998.....	25	28	27	5	4	11	
September 1997.....	9	19	32	9	6	25	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4. Compared with the past several presidents, do you feel that Ronald Reagan will turn out to have been one of the very best, better than most, not as good as most, or definitely worse than most of them? **

One of the very best.....	18	[152]
Better than most.....	46	
Not as good as most.....	24	
Definitely worse than most.....	8	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>9/99**</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	40	43	40	49	41	50	61	22	[153]
Disapprove.....	49	41	42	38	45	40	28	69	
Not sure.....	11	16	18	13	14	10	11	9	
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>			
		44	48	61	53	48			
		42	39	28	31	37			
		14	13	11	16	15			

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

6. Now I'd like to read you a list of legislative priorities that Congress is working on this year. Please tell me which one you feel should be Congress' highest priority. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Making changes to preserve Medicare.....	29	[154]
Passing tax cuts.....	17	
Restricting the sale and distribution of guns.....	16	
Increasing military spending and spending for military personnel.....	11	
Passing a patient's bill of rights.....	10	
Increasing the minimum wage.....	9	
All (VOL).....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

7. As you may know, some experts think that the federal government will have a surplus of funds in the next few years. If there were a budget surplus this year, for which one of the following would you like to see Congress use the surplus funds? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Spending on education and Medicare.....	49	[155]
Paying down the national debt.....	25	
Cutting taxes for individuals and businesses.....	20	
All equally important (VOL).....	5	
None important (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8. Now let me read you some things that you might learn about a candidate for U.S. Congress. For each one, please tell me whether this would make you more likely or less likely to vote for this candidate. If it would not affect your vote either way, please say so. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATE

	More Likely To Vote For Candidate	Less Likely To Vote For Candidate	Would Not Affect Vote Either Way	Not Sure	
Favors requiring the registration of all handguns.....	61	20	18	1	[158]
Favors tighter restrictions on the sale of guns at gun shows.....	59	20	20	1	[156]
Favors banning the sale and ownership of assault rifles.....	59	20	19	2	[157]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	18	[159]
Not very strong Democrat.....	12	Skip to Q.9c
Independent/lean Democrat.....	8	
Strictly independent.....	23	Skip to Q.10a
Independent/lean Republican.....	7	
Not very strong Republican.....	10	CONTINUE
Strong Republican.....	14	
Other.....	6	Skip to Q.10a
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.9a.)

- 9b. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	9/99	7/99	6/99	4/99	3/99	1/99	12/98	9/98	
George W. Bush.....	59	59	61	48	53	36	52	41	[160-161]
Elizabeth Dole.....	11	11	11	19	18	26	11	10	
John McCain.....	7	3	4	6	2	5	NA	NA	
Pat Buchanan.....	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	
Steve Forbes.....	5	4	6	6	6	4	6	7	
Dan Quayle.....	4	5	5	4	7	8	7	8	
Orrin Hatch.....	2	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Gary Bauer.....	1	1	1	1	2	NA	NA	NA	
Jack Kemp.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	7	11	
Newt Gingrich.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5	
None/other (VOL).....	2	3	3	5	4	2	6	9	
Not sure.....	4	7	5	6	4	7	7	5	
Q.9b (cont'd)									
		6/98	4/98	1/98	9/97	7/97	4/97		
Gary Bauer.....		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		

Pat Buchanan.....	NA	4	6	4	4	6
George W. Bush.....	34	40	26	24	20	24
Elizabeth Dole.....	18	NA	14	14	15	16
Steve Forbes.....	7	11	10	11	7	8
Orrin Hatch.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
John McCain.....	NA	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dan Quayle.....	9	14	6	7	10	9
Jack Kemp.....	10	NA	16	14	14	17
Newt Gingrich.....	5	5	5	4	5	NA
None/other (VOL).....	8	11	4	13	18	11
Not sure.....	9	10	13	9	7	9

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey. Potential candidates who do not appear on the current list but were included previously and received less than 5% of the vote are included in the percentage for "none/other."

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.9a)

9c. The candidates in the Democratic primary are Bill Bradley and Al Gore. For whom would you vote if the election were held today--Bill Bradley or Al Gore? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	32	24	17	23	20	13	[162]
Al Gore.....	53	60	65	62	65	45	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	5	4	5	5	6	
Not sure.....	10	11	14	10	10	12	
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>
		12	12	14	13	11	9
		49	51	45	47	52	56
		7	4	NA	5	7	11
		9	14	29	14	9	6

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey. Potential candidates who do not appear on the current list but were included previously and received less than 5% of the vote are included in the percentage for "none/other."

Now I'm going to ask you about the next presidential election.

10a. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>9/99*</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	
Al Gore.....	35	37	36	35	34	40	[163]
George W. Bush.....	52	50	51	53	52	50	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	5	4	5	4	5	
Not sure.....	7	8	9	7	10	5	
		<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	
		40	39	41	45	45	
		48	49	44	39	39	
		5	5	5	8	8	
		7	7	10	8	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). + Asked only of registered voters.

10b. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>9/99**</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	37	31	[164]
George W. Bush.....	46	49	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	5	
Not sure.....	12	15	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 10c. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	9/99**	7/99	
Al Gore.....	34	32	[165]
George W. Bush.....	47	44	
Pat Buchanan (Reform Party).....	8	NA	
Jesse Ventura (Reform Party) ¹	NA	12	
None/other (VOL).....	5	4	
Not sure.....	6	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹In July 1999, Jesse Ventura was listed as the Reform Party candidate.

- 11a. If it turns out that George W. Bush did use illegal drugs, such as cocaine, when he was in his twenties, would knowing this make you feel more favorable toward him, less favorable toward him, or would it not affect your opinion either way? **

More favorable.....	2	[166]
Less favorable.....	15	
Not affect opinion either way.....	83	
Not sure.....	-	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 11b. Now I'm going to read you two statements, and I'd like you to tell me which one you agree with more.

Statement A: George W. Bush should not address allegations of his past cocaine use, because his past behavior as a young adult has no bearing on his ability to be president and he should be able to maintain some privacy in his personal life.

Statement B: George W. Bush should address allegations of his past cocaine use, because his past behavior as a young adult reveals something about his character and it does have bearing on what he will do as president. **

Statement A/should not address allegations...	65	[167]
Statement B/should address allegations.....	30	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, changing topics . . .

- 12a. Thinking about the public schools in your area, how concerned are you about the safety of students attending schools--are you very concerned, fairly concerned, just somewhat concerned, or not that concerned at all? *

Very concerned.....	43	[168]
Fairly concerned.....	19	
Just somewhat concerned.....	21	
Not that concerned at all.....	16	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12b. Generally speaking, do you think that parents today are or are not spending enough time with their children? *

Parents are spending enough time with their children.....	7	[169]
Parents are not spending enough time with their children.....	89	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12c. In teaching the origin of man, do you think that public schools should or should not teach creationism -- that is, the biblical interpretation of the origin of man?

Should teach creationism.....	63	[170]
Should not teach creationism.....	29	
Not sure.....	8	

- 13a. As you may know, after previously denying that it had done so, the FBI has recently acknowledged firing potentially flammable tear gas in the 1993 raid of the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas. Do you think that the FBI deliberately withheld this evidence, or not? **

Yes, the FBI withheld evidence.....	76	[171]
No, the FBI did not withhold evidence.....	11	
Not sure.....	13	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 13b. Some leading congressional Republicans are calling on Attorney General Janet Reno to resign because of mistakes she has allegedly made in handling the Waco investigation and other situations. Do you think that Janet Reno should or should not resign as attorney general? **

Yes, should resign.....	30	[172]
No, should not resign.....	59	
Not sure.....	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

14. As you may know, President Clinton recently offered clemency, or pardons, to twelve Puerto Rican prisoners who are associated with a Puerto Rican independence group that is responsible for bombings in the 1970s and 1980s in the U.S. In exchange for clemency, the prisoners have agreed to renounce the use of violence and be subject to parole. Based on this information, do you approve or disapprove of President Clinton's decision to offer clemency to the Puerto Rican prisoners? *

Approve of Clinton's decision.....	13	[173]
Disapprove of Clinton's decision.....	74	
Not sure.....	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Changing topics . . .

15. China and the U.S. are negotiating to allow China to join the main international trading organization, known as the World Trade Organization. Those in favor say that membership will encourage China to open its markets to more products, including American ones. Opponents say that China's trade practices aren't fair enough to allow it to be part of the world trading body. Do you favor or oppose allowing China to join the World Trade Organization? **

Favor allowing China to join.....	38	[174]
Oppose allowing China to join.....	47	
Not sure.....	15	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16. If China takes military action against Taiwan, do you think that the U.S. should or should not take some kind of military action against China? *

U.S. should take military action.....	25	[175]
U.S. should NOT take military action.....	54	
Take other action (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	14	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Now moving to some different subjects . . .

- 17a. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	9/99*	12/98	9/98	12/9	9/97	High 9/98	Low 12/94	
Very satisfied.....	22	25	26	20	19	26	13	[176]
Somewhat satisfied.....	50	51	52	51	49	52	48	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	18	13	14	16	17	14	24	
Very dissatisfied.....	10	10	7	12	14	7	14	
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		6/97	3/97	12/96	9/96			
		16	17	16	14			
		50	48	50	51			
		20	20	21	21			
		13	14	12	13			
		1	1	1	1			

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 17b. Looking ahead to the next year or so, do you expect to be better off financially, worse off, or about the same as you are today? *

Better off.....	44	[177]
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Worse off.....	5
About the same.....	49
Not sure.....	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

18a. Generally, do you feel that men accept and treat women as equals in the workplace? *

Yes, men accept and treat women as equals.....	37	[178]
No, men do NOT accept and treat women as equals.....	53	
Depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

18b. Should working women who take time off for childbirth or child care be treated the same way in terms of pay and promotions as co-workers who do not take time off? **

Should be treated the same way.....	81	[179]
Should NOT be treated the same way.....	12	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

19a. As you may know, a potential problem with some computers has been identified, because they are not programmed to understand dates beginning in the year 2000. This is sometimes called the "Y2K problem." Do you think the Y2K computer problem will cause major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all?

Major problems.....	8	[180]
Minor problems.....	66	
No problems at all.....	22	
Not sure.....	4	

19b. Let me mention a few things that some people think might happen because of this Y2K problem, and please tell me which one or two worry you the most. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)** *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Hospitals and medical services will fail.....	22	[208-209]
Utilities such as gas and electric power will fail.....	21	>
Banking and investment records will be lost.....	18	
Air traffic control systems will fail causing accidents and delays.....	15	
Fire and police nine-one-one systems will fail.....	14	
Social Security and other government benefits will not be provided.....	11	
Credit cards and bank cards will not work.....	8	
All (VOL).....	8	
None (VOL).....	19	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

19c. Are you planning to take steps--or have you already taken steps--to prepare for the effects of the Y2K computer problem?

Have already taken steps.....	26	CONTINUE	[210]
Planning to take steps.....	20		
Not planning to take steps.....	52	Skip to Q.19e	

Not sure..... 2

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ALREADY HAVE OR PLAN TO TAKE STEPS IN Q.19c.)

19d. Which of the following steps are you planning to take--or have you already taken--to prepare for the Y2K problem? **(ACCEPT ALL THAT APPLY.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Stocking up on canned goods.....	23	[211]
Taking extra money out of the bank before New Year's Day.....	22	>
Staying near your home rather than travelling on New Year's Eve...	21	
Checking your own computer for Y2K problems.....	19	
Buying a power generator for your home.....	7	
Selling any stock you may own.....	2	
All (VOL).....	2	
None (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	
Not Planning To Take Steps/Not Sure (Q.19c).....	54	

(ASKED ONLY ON FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY 9/10,11,12)

19e2. Do you think the Y2K computer problem will cause a nationwide economic recession, or not?

Yes.....	11	[446]
No.....	81	
Not sure.....	8	

Now, I'd like to spend the rest of the survey discussing the future.

20a. In general, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the future?

Optimistic.....	76	[213]
Pessimistic.....	15	
Some of both (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	2	

20b. In the twentieth century, America has been marked by a can-do spirit of optimism. Looking ahead to the next hundred years, do you think that this spirit of optimism will increase, stay about the same, or will decrease?

Spirit will increase.....	34	[214]
Spirit will stay about the same.....	38	
Spirit will decrease.....	22	
Not sure.....	6	

- 20c. Which one or two of the following would you say are your greatest concerns about the next century, that is the next hundred years? **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Loss of personal privacy.....	29	[215-216]
Overpopulation.....	23	>
Terrorist acts on American soil.....	23	
Racial tensions.....	17	
World war.....	16	
Global warming.....	14	
Widespread availability of guns.....	13	
Economic depression.....	13	
None/other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

- 21a. In which one or two of the following areas do you expect the biggest changes in the next century? **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Medicine.....	46	[217-218]
Communications.....	34	>
Education.....	24	
Work life.....	13	
Politics.....	11	
Travel.....	6	
Entertainment.....	5	
All (VOL).....	7	
None (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

- 21b. Which one or two of the following aspects of daily life do you expect will change the most in the next century, that is, the next hundred years? **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The number of hours people work.....	42	[219]
The way people shop.....	37	>
What people eat.....	25	
How much people exercise.....	15	
The number of hours people sleep.....	7	
The sports people play.....	4	
All (VOL).....	6	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

- 21c. Which one of the following changes in parenting and families do you think is most likely to occur in the future? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

More children will be raised by adults who are not married...	46	[220]
More children will be raised in interracial families.....	23	
More children will be raised by gay parents.....	8	
More children will be raised by people who became parents at age 50 or older.....	7	
All (VOL).....	8	
None (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 22a. Now I'm going to mention some different statements, and for each one, please tell me whether you think it will definitely be true, probably be true, probably not be true, or definitely not be true in America in the next century.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL BE TRUE

	Definitely Will Be <u>True</u>	Probably Will <u>Be True</u>	Probably Will Not <u>Be True</u>	Definitely Will Not <u>Be True</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
A woman will be elected president of the United States **.....	31	51	12	6	-	[225]
A black person will be elected president of the United States *.....	19	59	14	6	2	[224]
There will be more than two major political parties *.....	22	46	22	7	3	[221]
Gay marriages will be legal *.....	13	52	20	12	3	[222]
Fathers will spend as much time and energy on raising children as mothers do *.....	13	38	36	12	1	[223]
Social Security will no longer exist **.....	14	36	33	14	3	[226]
Cigarette smoking will be illegal **.....	8	25	42	24	1	[228]
Racial and gender discrimination will be almost nonexistent **.....	7	23	41	28	1	[227]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 22b. Thinking about a child born on January 1, 2000, do you think each of the following will or will not happen during that child's lifetime. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY WILL HAPPEN

	<u>Will Happen</u>	<u>Will NOT Happen</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Cures for diseases such as AIDS and cancer will be discovered.....	85	11	4	[232]
Most people will have cars that have the technological capability to drive themselves to pre-programmed destinations.....	71	26	3	[235]
The Internet will replace television as the major form of home entertainment.....	67	30	3	[236]
A human being will be cloned.....	64	33	3	[229]
A major economic depression will occur.....	61	34	5	[233]
Average people will be able to travel in space.....	47	48	5	[231]
Extraterrestrial life will be discovered.....	33	60	7	[230]
A nuclear war will occur.....	29	64	7	[234]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 22c. Now thinking about what might occur in the next one thousand years, that is what might happen by the year 3000, do you think each of the following things will or will not occur in the next one thousand years. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY WILL HAPPEN

	<u>Will Happen</u>	<u>Will NOT Happen</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Many major animal species will become extinct.....	81	16	3	[242]
New plagues will develop that will kill millions of people..	76	21	3	[238]
A new mode of travel will be invented allowing people to travel long distances almost instantaneously.....	73	24	3	[240]
Jesus Christ will reappear on earth.....	43	38	19	[239]
Humankind will disappear.....	23	71	6	[237]
People will be immortal, that is, people will no longer die.....	7	91	2	[241]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 23a. Let me read you a list of things that people say could happen in the next century, that is the next hundred years, in the field of health and medicine. Please tell me which one you think is most likely to happen in the next century?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Organs will be cloned instead of donated by another person.....	31	[243]
Most people will live to be at least one hundred years old.....	24	
Parents will select the sex and personality characteristics of their children.....	19	
A medication that prevents the physical signs of aging will be discovered.....	8	
All (VOL).....	14	
None (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

23b. Do you want to live to be one hundred years old? **

Yes.....	52	[244]
No.....	42	
Not sure.....	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23c. I'm going to read you a few different diseases, and for each one, please tell me whether you think it definitely will be cured, probably will be cured, probably will not be cured, or definitely will not be cured in the next century. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL BE CURED

	Definitely Will Be Cured	Probably Will Be Cured	Probably Will Not Be Cured	Definitely Will Not Be Cured	Not Sure	
Cancer.....	24	51	18	6	1	[245]
AIDS.....	22	53	16	7	2	[246]
Alzheimer's.....	15	52	24	6	3	[248]
Heart disease.....	20	46	25	7	2	[247]
The common cold.....	17	28	34	20	1	[249]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

24a. I'm going to read you a list of foods that Americans commonly eat today, and I'd like you to tell me which ONE you think Americans are most likely to continue eating until the end of the next century, or one hundred years from now. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Hamburgers.....	26	[250]
Pizza.....	18	
Breakfast cereal.....	12	
Yogurt.....	6	
Apple pie.....	6	
Bagels.....	4	
All (VOL).....	27	
None (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

24b. Now I'm going to read you a list of ways that people feel the working world may change in the next century. For each change I read, please tell me whether you think that change is very likely to happen, somewhat likely to happen, or not likely to happen in the next century.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO HAPPEN

	Very Likely To Happen	Somewhat Likely To Happen	Not Likely To Happen	Not Sure	
Most people will work into their seventies.....	60	27	13	-	[254]
Women will receive pay equal to that of men.....	51	32	16	1	[252]
Most people will work out of their homes.....	36	37	26	1	[253]
The standard work week will be four days.....	39	29	31	1	[251]
Manufacturing and service jobs will become completely automated.....	33	34	32	1	[255]

24c. In the next century, do you think that people will stop working earlier in their life, stop working later in their life, or stop working at about the same age as they do now?

Stop working earlier in their life.....	16	[256]
Stop working later in their life.....	54	
Stop working at about the same age as they do now.....	28	
Not sure.....	2	

- 25a. Thinking about the way of life one hundred years ago, which ONE element of that lifestyle would you most like to bring back?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

A more family-centered life, rather than a work-centered life.....	38	[257]
Greater emphasis on religious values.....	19	
Greater sense of community and ties to neighbors.....	14	
Less media influence.....	9	
Less emphasis on material wealth.....	8	
Less travel and instant communications.....	1	
All (VOL).....	9	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

- 25b. Thinking ahead to one hundred years from now, which ONE of the following lifestyle changes would you be most excited about?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The opportunity to live and work throughout the world.....	28	[258]
Faster or more convenient forms of transportation.....	24	
Greater integration of home and office.....	17	
A wider variety of consumer products.....	8	
The ability to make almost all your purchases over the Internet.....	7	
All (VOL).....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	4	

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the United States in the next century, that is, the next hundred years.

- 26a. The United States is often considered to be the major world power of the twentieth century. In the next century, do you think that the United States will be the one major world power, do you think it will share major world power status with a few countries, or do you think it will no longer be a major world power?

Will be the one major world power.....	28	[259]
Will share major world power status.....	61	
Will no longer be a major world power.....	9	
Not sure.....	2	

26b. Do you think the next hundred years will be better or worse for America than the last hundred years were?

Will be better.....	55	[260]
Will be worse.....	33	
Will be about the same (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	5	

27a. Now I'm going to read you a list of areas in which the United States has been a leader in the last century. For each one, please tell me whether you think the United States will remain a leader in this area, will be strong but not a leader, will be average, or will be below average compared with other countries in the next century.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN A LEADER

	United States Will Remain A <u>Leader</u>	United States Will Be Strong But Not A <u>Leader</u>	United States Will Be Average	United States Will Be Below Average	Not Sure	
Popular culture such as movies, music, and television.....	60	19	15	4	2	[265]
The military.....	55	25	14	5	1	[262]
Technology.....	46	34	16	3	1	[261]
The world economy.....	44	32	17	5	2	[263]
Creativity and innovation.....	44	30	20	4	2	[264]

27b. I am going to read you some pairs of phrases, and I'd like you to tell me in each case which one is the greater threat to the United States' remaining a major world power in the next century.

(READ ITEM)--Which is a greater threat to the United States' world power status?

<u>Statement A</u>		<u>Statement B</u>		Neither/ Other (VOL)	Not Sure	
Economic weakness.....	52	Military weakness *	40	4	4	[266]
Economic weakness.....	20	Moral decline **	74	3	3	[270]
The United States' becoming too involved in world affairs.....	71	The United States' becoming too isolated from world affairs.....	24	3	2	[267/271]
Too much population growth within the United States.....	19	Too much immigration from foreign countries.....	69	10	2	[268/272]
Military conflicts with other nations.	32	Terrorist attacks on American soil...	63	3	2	[269/273]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 27c. Which ONE of the following countries or regions do you think poses the biggest challenge to America's world power status in the next one hundred years?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

China.....	50	[274]
The Middle East.....	22	
Japan.....	8	
Russia.....	6	
The European Community.....	6	
Latin America.....	2	
All (VOL).....	2	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	3	

We've talked a lot about what will happen in the future, but now I would like to ask you a few questions about the twentieth century, that is, the century that will be completed on New Year's Eve.

- 28a. Thinking about major medical science developments of the twentieth century, which one of the following do you think was the most significant? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Penicillin.....	25	[275]
The discovery of DNA.....	24	
Organ transplants.....	16	
The polio vaccine.....	10	
X-ray technology.....	5	
The birth control pill.....	4	
All (VOL).....	14	
None/other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 28b. Which one of the following do you consider to be the most important president of the twentieth century? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Franklin D. Roosevelt.....	32	[276-277]
John F. Kennedy.....	22	
Ronald Reagan.....	15	
Harry S Truman.....	7	
Dwight Eisenhower.....	6	
Bill Clinton.....	6	
Theodore Roosevelt.....	5	
Woodrow Wilson.....	1	
All (VOL).....	1	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 28c. Which one of the following do you consider to be the greatest American male athlete of the twentieth century? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Michael Jordan.....	35	[278-279]
Babe Ruth.....	13	
Muhammad Ali.....	11	
Jim Thorpe.....	11	
Jesse Owens.....	10	
Jackie Robinson.....	7	
Jack Nicklaus.....	2	
Johnny Unitas.....	1	
All (VOL).....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 28d. Which one of the following do you think is America's greatest accomplishment of the twentieth century? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Winning World War Two.....	22	[280]
Having the world's strongest economy.....	19	
Being the first country to put a man on the moon.....	15	
Ending racial segregation.....	13	
Winning the Cold War against the Soviet Union.....	10	
Providing legal equality for women.....	8	
All (VOL).....	9	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 28e. Which one of the following do you consider to be the most important American business leader of the twentieth century? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft.....	32	[308-309]
Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Company.....	28	
Andrew Carnegie, founder of U.S. Steel.....	8	
John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil.....	7	
Thomas Watson, founder of IBM.....	6	
Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart.....	6	
Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald's.....	3	
All (VOL).....	6	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

28f. Which one of the following do you consider to be the best American movie of the twentieth century? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Gone with the Wind.....	28	[310-311]
Schindler's List.....	18	
Titanic.....	11	
Star Wars.....	11	
Casablanca.....	8	
The Godfather.....	7	
Citizen Kane.....	6	
The Graduate.....	1	
All (VOL).....	2	
None/other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	10	[312-313]
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	5	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	2	

F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[314-315]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree...	8	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	24	[316-317]
White collar worker.....	21	
Blue collar worker.....	19	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	20	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think that your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	7	[324]
Somewhat liberal.....	19	
Moderate.....	26	
Somewhat conservative.....	22	
Very conservative.....	11	
Views cannot be described in those terms.....	12	
Not sure.....	3	

F5. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	85	[325]
Not registered.....	13	
Not sure.....	2	

F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	22	[326]
Married.....	56	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F7. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	36	[327]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	62	
Not sure.....	2	

F8. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	46	CONTINUE [328]
Catholic.....	29	

Jewish.....	2	
Other.....	16	Skip to Q.F10
None.....	4	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8.)

F9. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	16	[329]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	27	
Not sure.....	3	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8).....	54	

F10. How much of a role would you say religion plays in your life -- is it the single most important thing, very important, somewhat important, or not that important?

Single most important thing.....	14	[330]
Very important.....	39	
Somewhat important.....	28	
Not that important.....	16	
Not sure.....	3	

F11. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	13	[331]
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	22	
Once a month.....	8	
About twice a month.....	10	
Once a week or more often.....	37	
Not sure.....	3	

F12. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	10	[332]
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	80	
Not sure.....	3	

F13. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[333]
White.....	78	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F14. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[334]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	12	

Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	13
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	13
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	19
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	10
More than \$100,000.....	8
Not sure/refused.....	14